

## SOCIETY

## MRS. E. C. DUMMONT.

The dinner within our gates—several of them in fact—disturbed the Lenten placidness of society last week. We had at least three "lions" in Washington and all three were the cause for quite a stir of one kind or another. The first to arrive was Senor Vicente Blasco Ibañez, the noted Spanish author who came here chiefly to receive an honorary degree of doctor of letters conferred by George Washington University last Monday. He was followed a few days later by Vice Admiral Sir Tryphun Napier, R. N., commander-in-chief of the North American and West Indies station, who arrived Tuesday and departed Thursday. The third was Mrs. Carle Jacobs Bond, whose songs, "Perfect Day," "Just a Wearying for You" and many others, have made her widely known.

Senor Ibañez reached here a week ago yesterday and was immediately entertained by Dr. William Miller Collier, president of George Washington University and his old friend, and Mrs. Collier at dinner that evening. The next day the Spanish Ambassador and Mme. Ibañez gave a dinner in compliment to their distinguished countryman, followed by a large reception. They also entertained him at a luncheon and Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond gave a dinner for him—he was being entertained every minute until he left the city on Thursday. He went from here to Philadelphia before resuming his journey to Mexico, where he will make a study of the characteristics of the American people. His purpose in going to Philadelphia was to visit Bryn Mawr to study American college life and gather material for his next novel, "The Paradise of Women," which is to be a description of American women of the intellectual type. Miss Teresa James, the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bacon James of this city and a student at Bryn Mawr, was on the committee that received the novelist on his arrival at Bryn Mawr.

Of course, Senor Ibañez went to Mount Vernon and placed a wreath on George Washington's tomb before he departed. A visitor of note never fails to do that, you know. He also was a guest at the tea which Mrs. Charles E. Ward gave Tuesday afternoon at the Congressional Club of which she is president. Mrs. Ward didn't give the tea in his honor; had planned it just before the great crowd of celebrities. The Congressional Club wished to pay him some little courtesy and found that the only time he could go to them was the same day and hour as Mrs. Ward's tea, so the two parties were combined, and most successfully so. Ibañez made a short address during the afternoon, but to the distress of some of us (yours truly included) he spoke in Spanish. He promised to speak English by the time he visits us again.

## HUGE CROWDS HEARD IBAÑEZ.

I was very much struck by the large number that understood his address in Spanish. The crowd of the George Washington convocation exercises last Monday when he received the degree. The place—the Central High School auditorium—was packed in the evening, and the crowd spilled outside for admittance. And fully two-thirds of that crowd understood him and enjoyed him. They hung on his every word; they laughed and applauded. They leaned forward and craned their necks for fear they would miss something; they applauded again and again. He spoke with a great deal of emphasis and interest. I, dummy that I am, had to sit there and watch him and wish so much that I could understand him, and that I be satisfied with reading his speech in the papers the next day. I suspect he said much of interest that wasn't in his printed speech because he warmed up to his subject, and I'm occasionally sure of this from the speech he originally planned.

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## OTHER NOTED HONOR GUESTS.

No one will question that the Spanish man of letters was the chief magnet drawing the crowd. But William M. Calder, Herbert C. Hoover and Franklin MacVeagh also had their drawing power. Hoover's doctor of laws degree was conferred on the basis of his work in Belgium and as domestic Food Administrator, MacVeagh's on the basis of his long career of ability and high character shown as a public official and as a private citizen; Senator Calder was honored because of his industry and conscientious endeavor as a lawmaker and as a champion of American institutions.

Vice Admiral Napier's visit didn't so interest the general public; his visit was informally official, I should say. He was dined by the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, who asked an interesting company of men to meet him, the members of the Naval Affairs committee of both Houses and the heads of the different bureaus in the Navy Department; also, of course, the charge d'affaires of the British Embassy, Ronald Lindsay. He, too, gave dinner for the admiral. That gentleman went to Annapolis, looked the Naval Academy over, and had luncheon with Admiral Archibald Scobee; he had tea with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and

Mr. Franklin Roosevelt, called upon Secretary Daniels at the Navy Department and was altogether rather strenuous, don't you know?

Admiral Napier, who commanded the British light cruiser squadron in the battle of Jutland, arrived in New York from Bermuda Monday on the steamer Fort Hamilton. Admiral Napier visited the United States at the invitation of the Navy Department, and his itinerary included an inspection of the Sencenady plant of the General Electric Company.

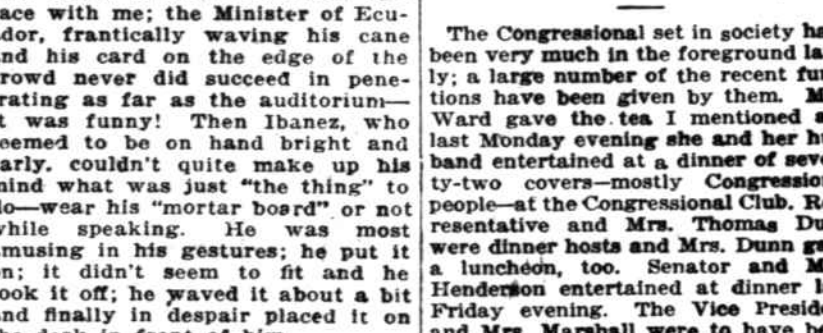
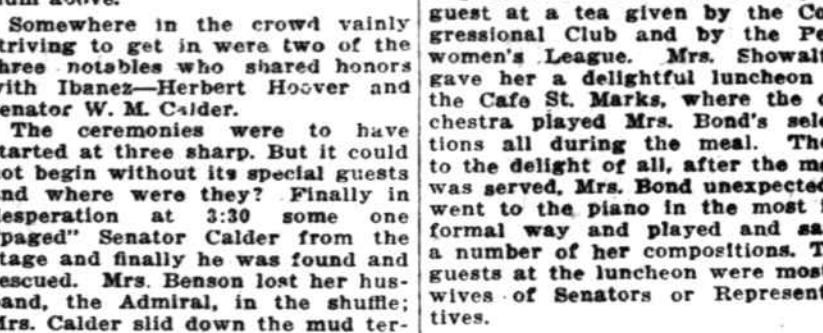
Carrie Jacobs Bond, who was the guest of former Representative and Mrs. J. E. Showalter, was entertained constantly at luncheons, teas and dinners. She was the honor guest at a tea given by the Congressional Club and by the Penwomen's League. Mrs. Showalter gave her delightful luncheon at the Cafe St. Marks, where the orchestra played Mrs. Bond's selections all during the meal. Then, to the delight of all, after the meal was served, Mrs. Bond unexpectedly went to the piano in the most informal way and played and sang a number of her compositions. The guests at the luncheon were mostly wives of Senators or Representatives.

The Congressional set in society have been very much in the foreground lately; a large number of the recent functions have been given by them. Mrs. Ward gave a great crowd of people Monday evening and her husband entertained at a dinner of seventy-two covers—mostly Congressional people—at the Congressional Club. Representative and Mrs. Thomas Dumm were dinner hosts and Mrs. Dumm gave a luncheon, too. Senator and Mrs. Henderson entertained at dinner last Friday evening. The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall were to have been the honor guests but, of course, didn't attend because of the death of their little foster son. Every one who knew the Marshalls had a deep feeling of sympathy for them when they lost the chief of their family. I mentioned and prettiest and brightest children I ever saw, and as dear to them as their own. I just wanted to give him a "bear hug" whenever I saw him!

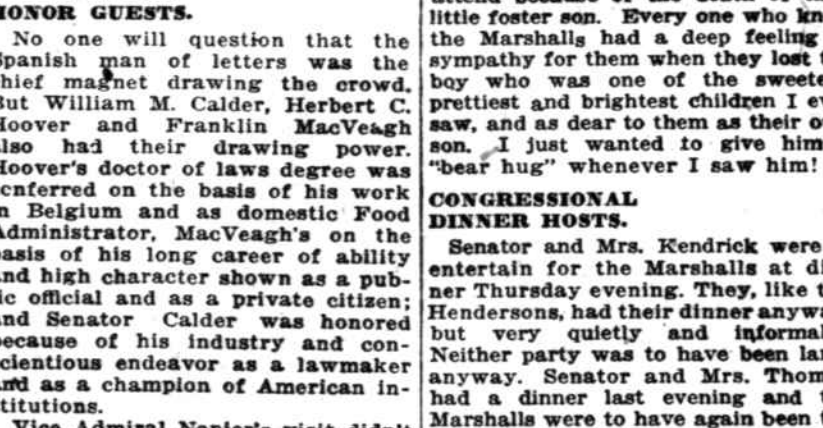
CONGRESSIONAL DINNER HOSTS. Senator and Mrs. Kendrick were to entertain for the Marshalls at dinner Thursday evening. They, like the Hendersons, had their dinner anyway, but very quietly and informally. Neither party was to have been large anyway. Senator and Mrs. Thomas had a dinner last evening and the Marshalls were to have again been the guests of honor. Representative William M. McKinley gave a dinner about the middle of the week and his honor guests were also conspicuous by their absence. He planned to give his party for the Lansings but they withdrew from official dinners and other functions when Mr. Lansing ceased to be Secretary of State.

Which brings to mind of course the main President Wilson selected to succeed Mr. Lansing—Bainbridge Colby. Society talked of little else last week. The week before they discussed nothing but the passing of Lansing from the Cabinet.

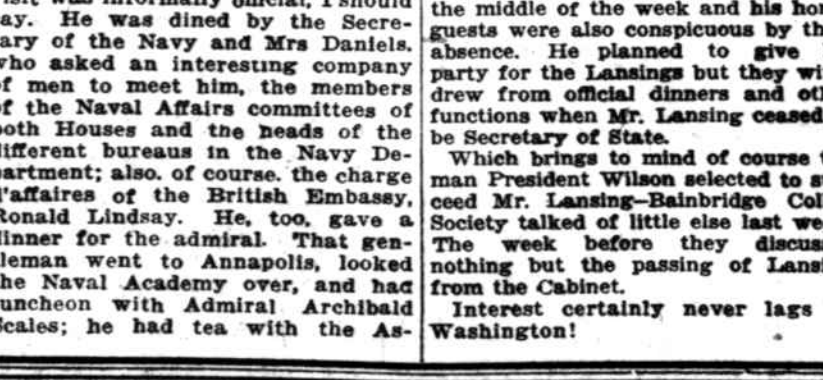
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ministers and other diplomats and almost all of the officials, it seemed to me, were out of town over last week end. Vice President Marshall headed the exodus of statesmen of all degrees who passed Washington's birthday away from the Capital, most of them killing speech making engagements. He hurried back to the bedside of his little ill foster son, reaching here before the end. Poor fellow—having to make patriotic speeches when his heart was yearning to be here with the boy! That is one of the penalties for being in public life.

## NOTABLES IN NEW YORK.

Ronald Lindsay, charge d'affaires of the British Embassy, and Jonker W. H. de Beaufort, of the Netherlands Legation, were also in New York; they attended the dinner given there by the Sulgrave Institution. The Secretary of the Treasury passed the week end in New York. Secretary Lane was expected up there to make a speech, but didn't go. Secretary of the Navy Daniels was down in Raleigh, N. C. The Italian Ambassador, and his wife and daughter went to New York; so did Senator Thomas and Senator Hiram Johnson. Admiral Barle and others. Admiral and Mrs. Benson went to Chicago—the list was a long one. But most of them were back in time to attend the opening performance Monday night of "George Washington." Percy Mackaye's new production, given that night at the benefit for the National Victory Memorial Building. It was a truly brilliant audience, and the play was lovely, only I should call it a pageant more than a play. It was beautiful, and I'm so glad it didn't end. Mrs. Wilson had a box that evening, the first time she has gone out at night since the President's illness. She looked very well and very handsome. I never saw her wear a more stunning gown—looked like a "million dollars," as someone expressed it. It was a soft mass of scintillating white sequins and encircling her neck were jewels that tended to make her look regal.

Just read the social register and you will know who else was there that evening.

The sum of \$215,000 has been raised for the National Victory Memorial Building to the memory of Washington, which it is proposed to erect in this city at George Washington Park—a "new name," better than the old site of the old Pennsylvania Station.

This announcement was contained in the report of John H. Cowles, treasurer of the George Washington Memorial National Memorial Association, made at the tenth annual session here last week. Of this amount, \$125,000 is in securities and \$40,000 on deposit in banks; and \$50,000 in pledges. Plans were mapped out for an intensive campaign during the year, and it is expected that when the association meets here in February, 1927, the \$1,000,000 needed will be in hand.

As it is always true of the Lenten season quite a large share of society has gone out of town to rest up for a few weeks, preparing for the activities of the Easter season. They have scattered to Cuba, Palm Beach, the Bermudas, Atlantic City, White Sulphur Springs and other resorts. This period is usually marked also by a number of charity entertainments, though this season such functions have been scattered pretty well throughout the whole winter. There are several such functions long planned and about the middle of March a lovely play is going to be put on in the ball room of Mrs. Robert Patterson's beautiful home in Dupont Circle for the benefit of the American Russian relief fund in which the Prince and Princess Cantacuzene are intensely interested. They came down here last week making some plans for it but are going back to New York today. They will return shortly to perfect the plans. Mrs. George T. Mayne, Mrs. Ellingham Lawrence Townsend, Mrs. Norman Williams and her daughter, Mrs. Merritt, and several members of the Russian Embassy staff, of course, are some of those who are interested in the committee in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Mayne is chairman of the committee.

Mme. Bonillas, who is an American woman, left about a month ago for a married daughter in Italy. She expected when she left here to be abroad until the first of May. Many of the ambassadors and

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ABOUT SOME DIPLOMATS. The Brazilian Ambassador, Augusto Cochrane de Azevedo, finally arrived in Washington; reached the city yesterday. He came to this country from England where he went first to visit two children in school there whom he had not seen for several years. He succeeded Domicio da Gama, who was ambassador from Brazil for several years and a very important factor in society here. The embassy has been without a head here for about a year. Da Gama's wife is an American, I. Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, and Reconstruction, has been selected as British Ambassador to Washington. Another embassy here will have an American woman as its mistress. More than half of them have now.

For several months now it has been said that the Mexican Ambassador was going home to Mexico and the latest report has him departing the first of this week. Alfonso Siller, who only recently came here as counselor of the embassy, is going home too, to receive instructions before assuming his new post as Mexican Minister to Peru. Salvador Diego Fernandez, formerly in charge of the foreign office in Mexico, will take over Mexican interests in this city with rank of counselor.

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